# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Case No.:

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Plaintiff, COMPLAINT

v.

LEXISNEXIS RISK SOLUTIONS, INC., AMERICAN STUDENT LIST, INC., NATIONAL FARMERS UNION LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 

Defendants.		
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## **COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff, Christopher Sharp ("Plaintiff"), by and through counsel, files this Complaint against LexisNexis Risk Solutions, Inc. ("LexisNexis"), American Student List, Inc. ("American Student"), and National Farmers Union Life Insurance Company ("National Farmers"), pursuant to the Fair Credit Inaccuracies Act, 15 USC §1681 *et seq.* ("FCRA").

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- Jurisdiction of this Court arises under 15 U.S.C. §1681p , 28 U.S.C. § 1331, and 28
  U.S.C. § 1337.
- 2. Venue in this District is proper because Plaintiff resides here, Defendants transact business here, and the complained conduct of Defendants occurred here.

## **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

3. Plaintiff, respectfully, demands a trial by jury on all counts and issues so triable.

#### **PARTIES**

4. Plaintiff is a natural person, and a citizen of the State of Florida, residing in Palm

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Beach County, Florida.

5. Defendant LexisNexis is a Georgia corporation whose registered agent in Florida

is C T Corporation System, 1200 South Pine Island Road, Plantation, FL 33324. Defendant

LexisNexis is a consumer reporting agency ("CRA") as defined by FCRA, 15 USC §1681a(f).

6. Defendant American Student is a Delaware corporation whose registered agent in

Delaware is United Corporate Services, Inc., 800 North State Street Suite 304, Dover, DE 19901.

Defendant American Student is a "person" as defined by FCRA, 15 USC §1681a(b).

7. Defendant National Farmers is a Florida company whose registered agent in Florida

is the Chief Financial Officer, 200 E. Gaines St, Tallahassee, FL 32399. Defendant National

Farmers is a "person" as defined by FCRA, 15 USC §1681a(b).

**GENERAL ALLEGATIONS** 

This action involves derogatory and inaccurate reporting by Defendant LexisNexis

of Plaintiff's name, address, and date of birth, and alleged accounts with Defendant American

Student (the "American Student Account") and Defendant National Farmer (the "Farmers

Account") (collectively, the "Inaccuracies.")

9. The FCRA prohibits furnishers of credit information from falsely and inaccurately

reporting consumers' credit information to credit reporting agencies. The FCRA is intended "to

protect consumers from the transmission of inaccurate information about them, and to establish

credit reporting practices that utilize accurate, relevant, and current information in a confidential

and responsible manner." The FCRA was enacted "to ensure fair and accurate credit reporting,

promote efficiency in the banking system, and protect consumer privacy."

10. Section 1681s-2(b) imposes a second category of duties on furnishers of

information.

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11. This obligation is triggered upon "notice of dispute"-- that is, when a person who

furnished information to a CRA receives notice from the CRA that the consumer disputes the

information. See § 1681i(a)(2) (requiring CRA's promptly to provide such notification containing

all relevant information about the consumer's dispute). Subsection 1681s-2(b) provides that, after

receiving a notice of dispute, the furnisher shall:

(A) conduct an investigation with respect to the disputed information;

(B) review all relevant information provided by the [CRA] pursuant to section

1681i(a)(2)...;

(C) report the results of the investigation to the [CRA];

(D) if the investigation finds that the information is incomplete or inaccurate, report

those results to all other [CRAs] to which the person furnished the information...;

and

(E) if an item of information disputed by a consumer is found to be inaccurate or

incomplete or cannot be verified after any reinvestigation

paragraph(1)...(i)modify... (ii)delete [or] (iii)permanently block the reporting of

that item of information [to the CRAs].

12. Any furnisher who negligently fails to comply with any of its investigation duties

is liable to the consumer for actual damages, the costs of litigation, and attorney fees. If the

violation is willful, the furnisher is liable for actual damages or minimum statutory damages up to

\$1000, for punitive damages, as well as for costs and attorney fees.

13. In or about February 2024, Plaintiff checked his LexisNexis report and realized that

it included the Inaccuracies.

14. Plaintiff's LexisNexis credit report reflected an inaccurate and derogatory public

record due to the reporting of the Inaccuracies.

15. In or around February 2024, Plaintiff disputed the Inaccuracies with Defendant

LexisNexis.

16. In or around March 2024, Defendant LexisNexis provided dispute results to

Plaintiff which did not remove the Inaccuracies.

17. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff's credit score has been lowered due to the

reporting of the Inaccuracies.

18. As of the filing of this complaint, Defendant LexisNexis is still inaccurately

reporting the Inaccuracies on Plaintiff's credit report.

COUNT 1

WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

(Against Defendant LexisNexis)

19. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs ¶¶ 1-18 of this Complaint.

20. Defendant LexisNexis prepared and issued consumer credit reports concerning

Plaintiff which previously included the incorrect and derogatory Inaccuracies and continues to

include the same information concerning incorrect and derogatory Inaccuracies.

21. On or around February 2024, Plaintiff submitted a dispute to Defendant LexisNexis

requesting that Defendant LexisNexis remove the Inaccuracies.

22. Defendant LexisNexis responded to Plaintiff's Dispute and did not remove the

Inaccuracies despite LexisNexis having been put on notice of the incorrect and derogatory

Inaccuracies.

As of the filing of this complaint, the derogatory and incorrect Inaccuracies are still 23.

listed on Plaintiff's LexisNexis credit report.

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24. Defendant LexisNexis is engaged in the business of credit reporting and is

commonly referred to as a "Credit Bureau." Defendant LexisNexis regularly obtains and analyzes

financial information about consumer transactions or experiences with any consumer.

25. Defendant LexisNexis is a "consumer reporting agency" of consumers, as defined

by § 1681a(f), and compiles the information into "credit reports," which it provides to third parties.

26. Despite Defendant LexisNexis having received Plaintiff's dispute of the

Inaccuracies, LexisNexis continues to list the Inaccuracies.

27. Continuing to list the Inaccuracies in this fashion is significant.

28. By continuing to report the Inaccuracies, third parties believe Plaintiff has incorrect

personal identification information and accounts that do not belong to him.

29. Credit scoring algorithms take Plaintiff's account information into consideration

when generating a credit score and showing this incorrect information could cause a lower credit

score to be generated.

30. Defendant LexisNexis failed to conduct a reasonable investigation and

reinvestigation.

31. Defendant LexisNexis failed to review and consider all relevant information

submitted by Plaintiff.

32. Defendant LexisNexis failed to conduct an independent investigation when they

permitted the derogatory information to remain on Plaintiff's credit report after Plaintiff's dispute.

33. Defendant LexisNexis possessed evidence that the information was inaccurate as

described by Plaintiff in the Dispute; however, LexisNexis failed to correct the information.

34. Defendant LexisNexis's reporting of inaccurate information, which is the subject

of the Dispute, despite evidence that said information is inaccurate demonstrates Defendant

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LexisNexis's failure to establish or follow reasonable procedures to assure the maximum possible

accuracy of Plaintiff's credit reports and file.

35. Defendant LexisNexis did not conduct any independent investigation after it

received Plaintiff's dispute and, instead, chose to parrot the information it originally received

despite being in possession of evidence that the information was inaccurate.

36. Without any explanation or reason, Defendant LexisNexis continues to report this

false, inaccurate, or otherwise incomplete information, about Plaintiff.

37. Plaintiff has suffered damages as a result of the incorrect reporting and Defendant

LexisNexis's failure to correct the credit report pertaining to Plaintiff.

38. On at least one occasion within the past year, by example only and without

limitation, Defendant LexisNexis violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b) by failing to establish or follow

reasonable procedures to assure the maximum possible accuracy in the preparation of the credit

reports and credit files published and maintained concerning Plaintiff.

39. Defendant LexisNexis failed to establish or follow reasonable procedures to assure

the maximum possible accuracy of Plaintiff's credit reports and credit files when investigating

Plaintiff's dispute of the information contained in Plaintiff's LexisNexis credit report.

40. Defendant LexisNexis's procedures were per se deficient by reason of these failures

in ensuring the maximum possible accuracy of Plaintiff's credit reports and credit files.

41. Defendant LexisNexis has willfully and recklessly failed to comply with the FCRA.

The failures of LexisNexis to comply with the FCRA include, but are not limited to, the following:

[a] the failure to follow reasonable procedures to assure the maximum possible accuracy of the

information reported; [b] the failure to correct erroneous personal information regarding Plaintiff

after a reasonable request by Plaintiff; [c] the failure to remove and/or correct the inaccuracy and

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derogatory credit information after a reasonable request by Plaintiff; [d] the failure to promptly

and adequately investigate information which LexisNexis had notice was inaccurate; [e] the

continual placement of inaccurate information into the credit report of Plaintiff after being advised

by Plaintiff that the information was inaccurate; [f] the failure to note in the credit report that

Plaintiff disputed the accuracy of the information; [g] the failure to promptly delete information

that was found to be inaccurate, or could not be verified, or that the source of information had

advised LexisNexis to delete; and [h] the failure to take adequate steps to verify information

LexisNexis had reason to believe was inaccurate before including it in the credit report of the

consumer.

42. The conduct, action and inaction of Defendant LexisNexis was willful, thereby

rendering LexisNexis liable for actual, statutory, and punitive damages, in an amount to be

determined by a judge and/or jury pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681(n).

43. Plaintiff is entitled to recover reasonable costs and attorney's fees from Defendant

LexisNexis in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681(n).

44. The appearance of the Inaccuracies on Plaintiff's credit report, namely, the

Inaccuracies identified by Plaintiff in Plaintiff's dispute to Defendant LexisNexis, was the direct

and proximate result of Defendant LexisNexis's willful failure to maintain reasonable procedures

to assure the maximum possible accuracy of Plaintiff's credit report in violation of the 15 U.S.C.

§ 1681e(b).

45. As a result of the conduct, action, and inaction, of Defendant LexisNexis, Plaintiff

suffered damage by loss of credit, loss of ability to purchase and benefit from credit, emotional

distress, mental and emotional pain, anguish, humiliation, and embarrassment of credit denial.

46. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, respectfully, requests this Court to enter a judgment

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against Defendant LexisNexis, awarding Plaintiff the following relief: [1] actual damages pursuant

to 15 U.S.C. § 1640(a)(1); [2] statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(a)(1)(A); [3]

statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1640(a)(2); [4] after reasonable showing by evidence

in the record or proffered by Plaintiff which would provide a reasonable basis for recovery of such,

punitive damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(a)(2); [5] costs and reasonable attorneys' fees

pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §§ 1640(a)(3) and 1681n(a)(3); and [6] any other relief that this Court deems

proper under the circumstances.

**COUNT 2** 

NEGLIGENT VIOLATION OF THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

(Against Defendant LexisNexis)

47. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs ¶¶ 1-18 above of this Complaint.

48. On at least one occasion within the past year, by example only and without

limitation, Defendant LexisNexis violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681i(a)(1)(A) by failing to conduct a

reasonable reinvestigation with respect to the disputed information.

49. On at least one occasion within the past year, by example only and without

limitation, Defendant LexisNexis violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681i(a)(4) by failing to review and

consider all relevant information submitted by Plaintiff with respect to the disputed information.

50. On at least one occasion within the past year, by example only and without

limitation, Defendant LexisNexis violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681i(a)(5) by failing to delete the

inaccurate information.

Additionally, Defendant LexisNexis negligently failed to list the Inaccuracies as 51.

"disputed" in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 168li(c).

52. Defendant LexisNexis has negligently failed to comply with the FCRA. The

failures of Defendant LexisNexis to comply with the FCRA include, but are not limited to, the

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following: [a] the failure to follow reasonable procedures to assure the maximum possible

accuracy of the information reported; [b] the failure to correct erroneous personal information

regarding Plaintiff after a reasonable request by Plaintiff; [c] the failure to remove and/or correct

the inaccuracy and derogatory credit information after a reasonable request by Plaintiff; [d] the

failure to promptly and adequately investigate information which LexisNexis had notice was

inaccurate; [e] the continual placement of inaccurate information into the credit report of Plaintiff

after being advised by Plaintiff that the information was inaccurate; [f] the failure to note in the

credit report that Plaintiff disputed the accuracy of the information; [g] the failure to promptly

delete information that was found to be inaccurate, or could not be verified, or that the source of

information had advised LexisNexis to delete; and [h] the failure to take adequate steps to verify

information LexisNexis had reason to believe was inaccurate before including it in the credit

report of the consumer.

53. The conduct, action, and inaction, of Defendant LexisNexis was negligent, thereby

rendering Defendant LexisNexis liable for actual, statutory, and punitive damages, in an amount

to be determined by a judge and/or jury pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681(n).

54. Plaintiff is entitled to recover reasonable costs and attorneys' fees from Defendant

LexisNexis in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681(n).

55. As a result of the conduct, action, and inaction of Defendant LexisNexis, Plaintiff

suffered damage by loss of credit, loss of ability to purchase and benefit from credit, emotional

distress, mental and emotional pain, anguish, humiliation, and embarrassment of credit denial.

56. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, respectfully, requests this Court to enter a judgment

against Defendant LexisNexis, awarding Plaintiff the following relief: [1] actual damages pursuant

to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o(a)(1); [2] costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §

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1681o(a)(2); and [3] any other relief that this Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.

**COUNT 3** 

WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

(Against Defendant American Student)

Plaintiff incorporates the allegations regarding the American Student Account and 57.

Defendant American Student in ¶¶ 1-18 of this Complaint.

58. Defendant American Student is a provider of data.

59. In or about February 2024, Plaintiff checked his credit report and noticed that there

was an inaccurate report from Defendant American Student.

60. In or about February 2024, Plaintiff submitted Disputes of the erroneous and

derogatory information reported to Defendant LexisNexis by Defendant American Student.

61. In response to the disputes, Defendant LexisNexis promptly and properly gave

notice to Defendant American Student of the Disputes in accordance with the FCRA.

62. As of the filing of this complaint, the inaccurate account has continued to be

verified by Defendant American Student on Plaintiff's LexisNexis credit report.

63. Defendant American Student is a "furnisher of information" that regularly and in

the ordinary course of business furnishes information to one or more consumer reporting agencies

about consumer transactions or experiences with any consumer.

64. On a date better known by Defendant American Student, Defendant LexisNexis

promptly and properly gave notice to Defendant American Student of Plaintiff's Disputes in

accordance with the FCRA.

65. In response to the notices received from Defendant LexisNexis regarding Plaintiff's

Disputes, Defendant American Student did not and otherwise failed to conduct a reasonable

investigation into the American Student Account which is the subject of the Disputes.

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66. In response to receiving notice from Defendant LexisNexis regarding Plaintiff's

Disputes, Defendant American Student failed to correct and/or delete information it knew to be

inaccurate and/or which Defendant LexisNexis could not otherwise verify.

67. Instead of conducting a reasonable investigation, Defendant American Student

erroneously validated the American Student Account and continued to report inaccurate

information to Defendant LexisNexis.

68. On at least one occasion within the past year, by example only and without

limitation, Defendant American Student violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b)(1)(A) by failing to

conduct a reasonable investigation with respect to the disputed information.

69. On at least one occasion within the past year, by example only and without

limitation, Defendant American Student violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b)(1)(B) by failing to review

all relevant information provided by the consumer reporting agency, Defendant LexisNexis.

70. On at least one occasion within the past year, by example only and without

limitation, Defendant American Student violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b)(1)(E) by failing to delete

or inform Defendant LexisNexis about the inaccurate information.

71. Upon information and belief, Defendant American Student was aware of the FCRA

obligations to reasonably investigate disputes when it received notice of Plaintiff's Disputes.

72. Defendant American Student's investigation was per se deficient by reason of these

failures in its investigation of Plaintiff's Disputes.

73. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant American Student's violations of §

1681s-2(b), Plaintiff suffered actual damages, including but not limited to: (i) money lost

attempting to fix Plaintiff's credit; (ii) denial of the extension of new credit; (iii) loss of time

attempting to cure the errors in Plaintiff's credit; (iv) mental anguish, added stress, aggravation,

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embarrassment, and other related impairments to the enjoyment of life such as headaches,

irritability, anxiety and loss of sleep; (v) reduction in credit score; and (vi) apprehensiveness to

apply for credit due to fear of rejection.

74. Defendant American Student's actions in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b), were

willful, rendering it liable for actual or statutory damages as well as punitive damages as the Court

may allow and attorney's fees in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C.

§ 1681n.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, respectfully, requests this Court to enter a judgment 75.

against Defendant American Student, awarding Plaintiff the following relief: [1] actual damages

pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o(a)(1); [2] costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C.

§ 1681o(a)(2); and [3] any other relief that this Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.

COUNT 4

NEGLIGENT VIOLATION OF THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

(Against Defendant American Student)

76. Plaintiff incorporates the allegations regarding the American Student Account and

Defendant American Student in ¶¶ 1-18 of this Complaint.

77. On at least one occasion within the past year, by example only and without

limitation, Defendant American Student violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681i(a)(1)(A) by failing to conduct

a reasonable reinvestigation with respect to the disputed information.

78. On one or more occasions within the past year, by example only and without

limitation, Defendant American Student violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b)(1)(B) by failing to review

all relevant information provided by the consumer reporting agency, Defendant LexisNexis.

79. On one or more occasions within the past year, by example only and without

limitation, Defendant American Student violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b)(1)(E) by failing to correct

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the inaccurate information.

80. When Defendant American Student received notice of Plaintiff's disputes from

Defendant LexisNexis, Defendant American Student could and should have reviewed its own

systems and previous communications with Plaintiff as part of its investigation.

81. Defendant American Student would have discovered that the information it was

reporting about Plaintiff was inaccurate if Defendant American Student had reviewed its own

systems and previous communications with Plaintiff.

82. Defendant American Student's investigation was per se deficient by reason of these

failures in Defendant American Student's investigation of Plaintiff's Disputes.

83. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant American Student's violations of §

Plaintiff suffered actual damages, including but not limited to: (i) money lost 1681s-2(b),

attempting to fix Plaintiff's credit; (ii) denial of the extension of new credit (iii) loss of time

attempting to cure the errors in Plaintiff's credit; (iv) mental anguish, added stress, aggravation,

embarrassment, and other related impairments to the enjoyment of life such as headaches,

irritability, anxiety and loss of sleep; (v) reduction in credit score; and (vi) apprehensiveness to

apply for credit due to fear of rejection.

84. Defendant American Student's actions constitute negligent noncompliance with the

FCRA rendering it liable for actual damages as well as attorney's fees in an amount to be

determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1681o.

85. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, respectfully, requests this Court to enter a judgment

against Defendant American Student awarding Plaintiff the following relief: [1] actual damages

pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o(a)(1); [2] costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C.

§ 1681o(a)(2); and [3] any other relief that this Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.

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**COUNT 5** 

WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

(Against Defendant National Farmers)

86. Plaintiff incorporates the allegations regarding the National Farmers Account and

Defendant National Farmers in ¶¶ 1-18 of this Complaint.

87. Defendant National Farmers is an insurance company.

In or about February 2024, Plaintiff checked his credit report and noticed that there 88.

was an inaccurate report from Defendant National Farmers.

89. In or about February 2024, Plaintiff submitted Disputes of the erroneous and

derogatory information reported to Defendant LexisNexis by Defendant National Farmers.

90. In response to the disputes, Defendant LexisNexis promptly and properly gave

notice to Defendant National Farmers of the Disputes in accordance with the FCRA.

91. As of the filing of this complaint, the inaccurate account has continued to be

verified by Defendant National Farmers on Plaintiff's LexisNexis credit report.

92. Defendant National Farmers is a "furnisher of information" that regularly and in

the ordinary course of business furnishes information to one or more consumer reporting agencies

about consumer transactions or experiences with any consumer.

93. On a date better known by Defendant National Farmers, Defendant LexisNexis

promptly and properly gave notice to Defendant National Farmers of Plaintiff's Disputes in

accordance with the FCRA.

94. In response to the notices received from Defendant LexisNexis regarding Plaintiff's

Disputes, Defendant National Farmers did not and otherwise failed to conduct a reasonable

investigation into the National Farmers Account which is the subject of the Disputes.

95. In response to receiving notice from Defendant LexisNexis regarding Plaintiff's

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Disputes, Defendant National Farmers failed to correct and/or delete information it knew to be

inaccurate and/or which Defendant LexisNexis could not otherwise verify.

96. Instead of conducting a reasonable investigation, Defendant National Farmers

erroneously validated the National Farmers Account and continued to report inaccurate

information to Defendant LexisNexis.

97. On at least one occasion within the past year, by example only and without

limitation, Defendant National Farmers violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b)(1)(A) by failing to

conduct a reasonable investigation with respect to the disputed information.

98. On at least one occasion within the past year, by example only and without

limitation, Defendant National Farmers violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b)(1)(B) by failing to review

all relevant information provided by the consumer reporting agency, Defendant LexisNexis.

99. On at least one occasion within the past year, by example only and without

limitation, Defendant National Farmers violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b)(1)(E) by failing to delete

or inform Defendant LexisNexis about the inaccurate information.

100. Upon information and belief, Defendant National Farmers was aware of the FCRA

obligations to reasonably investigate disputes when it received notice of Plaintiff's Disputes.

101. Defendant National Farmers' investigation was per se deficient by reason of these

failures in its investigation of Plaintiff's Disputes.

As a direct and proximate result of Defendant National Farmers' violations of § 102.

1681s-2(b), Plaintiff suffered actual damages, including but not limited to: (i) money lost

attempting to fix Plaintiff's credit; (ii) denial of the extension of new credit; (iii) loss of time

attempting to cure the errors in Plaintiff's credit; (iv) mental anguish, added stress, aggravation,

embarrassment, and other related impairments to the enjoyment of life such as headaches,

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irritability, anxiety and loss of sleep; (v) reduction in credit score; and (vi) apprehensiveness to

apply for credit due to fear of rejection.

103. Defendant National Farmers' actions in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b), were

willful, rendering it liable for actual or statutory damages as well as punitive damages as the Court

may allow and attorney's fees in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C.

§ 1681n.

104. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, respectfully, requests this Court to enter a judgment

against Defendant National Farmers, awarding Plaintiff the following relief: [1] actual damages

pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o(a)(1); [2] costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C.

§ 1681o(a)(2); and [3] any other relief that this Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.

COUNT 6

NEGLIGENT VIOLATION OF THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

(Against Defendant National Farmers)

105. Plaintiff incorporates the allegations regarding the National Farmers Account and

Defendant National Farmers in ¶¶ 1-18 of this Complaint.

On at least one occasion within the past year, by example only and without 106.

limitation, Defendant National Farmers violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681i(a)(1)(A) by failing to conduct

a reasonable reinvestigation with respect to the disputed information.

107. On one or more occasions within the past year, by example only and without

limitation, Defendant National Farmers violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b)(1)(B) by failing to review

all relevant information provided by the consumer reporting agency, Defendant LexisNexis.

108. On one or more occasions within the past year, by example only and without

limitation, Defendant National Farmers violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b)(1)(E) by failing to correct

the inaccurate information.

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109. When Defendant National Farmers received notice of Plaintiff's disputes from

Defendant LexisNexis, Defendant National Farmers could and should have reviewed its own

systems and previous communications with Plaintiff as part of its investigation.

110. Defendant National Farmers would have discovered that the information it was

reporting about Plaintiff was inaccurate if Defendant National Farmers had reviewed its own

systems and previous communications with Plaintiff.

111. Defendant National Farmers' investigation was per se deficient by reason of these

failures in Defendant National Farmers' investigation of Plaintiff's Disputes.

112. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant National Farmers' violations of §

1681s-2(b), Plaintiff suffered actual damages, including but not limited to: (i) money lost

attempting to fix Plaintiff's credit; (ii) denial of the extension of new credit (iii) loss of time

attempting to cure the errors in Plaintiff's credit; (iv) mental anguish, added stress, aggravation,

embarrassment, and other related impairments to the enjoyment of life such as headaches,

irritability, anxiety and loss of sleep; (v) reduction in credit score; and (vi) apprehensiveness to

apply for credit due to fear of rejection.

113. Defendant National Farmers' actions constitute negligent noncompliance with the

FCRA rendering it liable for actual damages as well as attorney's fees in an amount to be

determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1681o.

114. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, respectfully, requests this Court to enter a judgment

against Defendant National Farmers awarding Plaintiff the following relief: [1] actual damages

pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o(a)(1); [2] costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C.

§ 1681o(a)(2); and [3] any other relief that this Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.

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Dated: March 22, 2024

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